

February 16, 2012

Board of Selectmen  
195 Main Street  
Maynard, Massachusetts  
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Re; Town Administrator Report

Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Please accept this report as an abridged version of Town Hall activities for the past two weeks;

**CMERA Ambulance Service:** The Town of Concord recently hosted a meeting of our annual regional ambulance service. There were representatives from Littleton, Boxborough, Weston, Carlisle, Concord, Acton and several other participating communities. There was presentation on the status of the ALS system and the effectiveness of the operation over the last two years. Pro EMS representative Bill Mergendahl was on hand to outline the needs of the organization going forward.

There was a call to increase fees by 10%, just as reminder all of that 10% would go back to the General Fund on basic life support calls (Maynard Fire) and advance life support (Pro EMS) revenue would go back to Pro EMS. This increase would help to keep up with cost escalation and allow us to invest in aging equipment more readily.

The billing has been comparably successful and we are still returning over \$250, 000 annually. If the increase is decided upon at the executive board level it will need to vote on by the BOS. Chief Stowers accompanied me and will be able to get some free training for the Fire Department through the collaborative and conducted by Pro EMS.

**MayDOG "Off Leash Park" (OLP):** I had the pleasure of meeting with Rob Wezwick and other members of MayDOG at the future site of the park on February 9. All involved are wagging their tails with excitement in regards to this park. As you know it is part of the commitment from EPG Solar to develop an area which will serve the dog owners so they will not have to flee to surrounding communities for canine socialization.

I will continue to work with MayDOG on the rough draft of the regulations for the OLP. Once I have a bone-a-fido set of rules I will fetch it to the BOS. Hey did anyone see the Westminster this weekend.

**February 11 Budget Presentation:** It seems that the initial budget discussion did as intended, raised awareness of the process and began to create a framework for FY 13. I am quite sure there will be adjustments which will have to be made as the process unfolds, but all in all it looks promising.

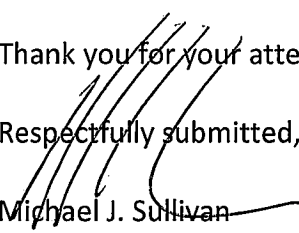
The Maynard Public Schools budget request was filled in its entirety and we have unveiled some very aggressive organizational changes for the upcoming fiscal year.

I do not think we are out of the woods yet, but the forest is thinning. With income and/or savings from solar and up tempo in the economy, I think we all can take a breath and focus on some longer term budgeting and financial planning.

**Annual Town Meeting:** Okay! That was not much of a breath, but it is time to developing the warrant for ATM to be held on May 21. We have been trying to spread the word to all boards and commissions to start giving thought to what is needed for that date. Please note we will start to deliver controls to the BOS around March 15 (approximately 4 weeks).

Thank you for your attentiveness and support.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michael J. Sullivan